Psychiatric Medicine and Rehabilitation Department in Karnataka

3957. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are willing to help the Karnataka Government to set up the Department of Psychiatric Medicine and Rehabilitation in its Government Medical Colleges; and

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Government of India has a scheme for providing one time financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 50.00 lakhs for strengthening Psychiatric Department of Government Medical Colleges. Proposals have been received from Government of Karnataka for upgrading Psychiatric Department of Government Medical Colleges at Bangalore, Mysore, Hubli and Bellary.

Malaria Spread in India

3958. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the media report on WHO's concern that more than half-a-billion people suffer from the deadliest form of Plasmodum falciparum Malaria in India and other countries of Asia and Africa; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) WHO has reported that they have not conducted or technically supported any recent study on the malaria situation in the member countries including India. However, the study recently published in Nature (Vol. 434/10th March/